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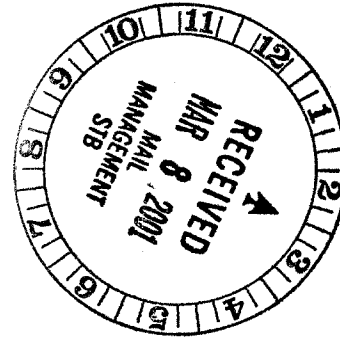
March 8, 2001

Mr. Vernon Williams  
Office of the Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
Case Control Unit  
1925 K St. N.W.  
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**Re: STB Ex Parte No. 582 (Sub-No. 1) Oral Argument**

**Via Hand Delivery**

Dear Mr. Williams:

OxyChem and OxyVinyls (Oxy) hereby request the opportunity to present oral argument on April 5, 2001 in Ex Parte 582 (Sub-No.1), Major Rail Consolidation Procedures.

In accordance with the STB decision served February 23, 2001, Oxy will address the key issues in its filings before the STB in this proceeding, focusing on the following points:

- ☐ Competitive Access
- ☐ Downstream Effects
- ☐ Service Quality
- ☐ Phased Implementation of mergers

The presentation is expected to require 5 to 10 minutes and will be made either by an Oxy executive or by Mr. Charles King of Snavelly King Majoros O'Connor & Lee.

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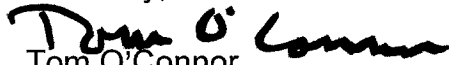
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We have provided the original and 25 copies of this filing. We would appreciate it if your staff would date stamp the second copy of this letter for return to us. Should questions arise, please call me at (202) 371-9149.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom O'Connor", written in a cursive style.

Tom O'Connor  
Vice President